The Standard.

RALEIGH, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1855.

A SWEET TEMPERED LETTER. The Asheville Spectator of the 6th contains a letter written by D. F. Caldwell, Esq., of Guilford, to the K. N. mass meeting (?) held at Asheville in October last-said letter filling only five mortal columns of that print, and being withal one of the most considerate and sweet-tempered documents we have ever read. The writer says he is opposed to the Pope-that the cause of "Protestant civilization" ought to "go forward" "horse, foot and dragoons "-that he is for "free and open Churches," and for "Americans ruling America"—and he adds incidentally, in concluding his letter, that he is in favor of "victory perching upon the banner of the American host." With the exception of the last, these are all very worthy and harmless sentiments. He also denies, as we all do, the claim of the Pope "to hold in his hands the keys of heaven and hell " the latter place properly belong to Satan. We were very much disappointed, by the way, in not finding in this letter an attack on Satan-a personage invisible, as the K. N's used to be, and quite as formidable. If the Pope fulminates his thunders, Satan "roars" -- and what is more dreadful, he is constantly "going about," as the Pope is not, "seeking whom he may devour." But this omission (which will doubtless be supplied in some future letter,) is more than made up for by the mild, persuasive, candid, and elevated spirit which pervades the whole letter, and especially those portions of it in which the writer speaks of his political opponents. With commendable forbearance, he goes no further than to call his opponents "anti-Americans," and to characterize them as possessed of "leprous tongues" and only a "modicum of brains and honesty." But the most beautiful and impressive circumstance connected with this letter, is the fact that the writer enters into an elaborate argument in favor of the secresy of the K. N. party, and that too about the time the secresy was being abolished by the K. N. Convention in Raleigh; and this argument is brought to light six weeks after the secresy is declared to have been removed. It is no matter for regret, as the "Spectator" seems to think, that the publication of the letter was delayed. If the secresy has been abolished, it is well enough to show that so long as it was preserved it was right; and one capable of writing such a letter as that under consideration, can no doubt produce another argument, of equal force, on the other side.

ELECTION IN WILMINGTON.

The annual election for Commissioners of Wilmington, N. C., will take place on the 20th instant. The town has been under Know Nothing control for the past year; and a majority of the citizens, it is believed, are dissatisfied with "Jark-lantern" management. The anti-Know Nothings, composed of Democrats and independent, high-minded old-line Whigs, have nominated for Commissioners Messrs. Stephen D. Wallace, Dr. J. D. Bellamy, John Dawson, T. C. Miller, T. H. Howey, D. A. Lamont, and John A. Taylor-a very strong ticket. A good deal of excitement prevails. The anti-Know Nothings held a meeting on the 11th, Thomas S. Ashe, Esq., in the Chair, and Messrs. W. L. Jacobs and Joshua A. Walker, Secretaries. The meeting was addressed by John L. Holmes, Robert Strange, and Eli W. Ilall, Esquires. The K. N's also held a meeting on the 12th. What modest persons these "dark-lanterns" are! It was only very recently that they were permitted by their selfish leaders to hold their meetings publicly; but now, having been absolved, somehow or another, from their solemn oaths of secresy, they begin to show themselves in public, and

claim that they are the " American" party! The issues presented by the Herald of the 13th, of "priestly dictation, and the insolent claims of the Romish Church," as involved in the municipal election, are all humbug-and the Editor of that delectable sheet is fully aware of the fact.

Of course it would not become us to take any part in a contest of this sort, and we therefore allude to it only in the political aspect in which it presents itself; but we may be allowed to express the opinion which prevails, that the chances are in favor of the anti-Know Nothing ticket.

We hope to see some movement in Raleigh ere long to rid this City of the evils of Know Nothing nisrule. These evils-high taxes, an inefficient police, and the like-are well known. The remedy is in the hands of the people of the City; and we trust they will act in the matter without regard to

AUTHENTIC NEWS FROM KANSAS.

A late number of the St. Louis Republican conains authentic news in relation to affairs in Kansas. tappears that a man by the name of Coleman-a re-slavery man-settled in the abolition part of the lerritory; that the abolitionists attempted to drive its off; that he resisted, and killed one of them; hat one of the abolitionists, engaged in this outrage, ras arrested by the government officers, and afterwards rescued by the armed abolitionists; that Coleman's house and sixteen other houses had been burnt, and the families turned out of doors; that abolitionists, under the head of Robinson and thers, have from five hundred to one thousand men | the South?" the field-members of the sworn secret legionmed with Sharp's rifles; that these men deny the thority of the present Territorial government, and

plotting for its overthrow. iov. Shannon has issued his proclamation, setting th the facts, and calling on the military and all and citizens to rally to the standard of the laws .militia had been called out, and the law and orportion of the citizens were taking the requisite to restore quiet and to uphold the constituted rities. There may be some bloodshed. This tale of affairs is greatly to be deplored. It is to be iced, however, to the efforts made by the "New gland Aid Society " to stifle the voice of the peoof the Territory, and to make Kansas a free

CONGRESS.

We give elsewhere the various Standing Commit appointed by the Senate.

e House of Representatives has not yet elected Peaker. There was to be another meeting of the administration members on Friday night. The ocrats of the House still adhere, with commene firmness, to their candidate, Mr. Richardson, he message of the President will, of course, be sheld until the House is organized; and when will take place is quite uncertain. he letter of our Washington Correspondent.

DEBOW'S REVIEW.—We have received the Decemnumber of this valuable publication. Terms, er annum. Address J. D. B. DeBow, WashingDRS. SMITH AND DEEMS.

The whole of last week was devoted by the Virginia Methodist Episcopal Conference, in session at Petersburg, to the consideration of the charges preferred by Dr. Deems against Dr. Smith. On Wednesday, the Rev. Geo. W. Carter, Rev. W. B. Rowzie, Rev. J. E. Edwards, Rev. James Jameison, and Rev. P. W. Archer were examined, and letters were read from Rev. Thos. J. Lemay and Rev. J. E. Edwards; on Thursday, Rev. R. O. Burton, Rev. L. Rosser, Rev. S. M. Frost, and others, were examined, and letters and depositions were read-at the conclusion of which, Dr. Smith rose and stated in a serious tone that he had one more point in his testimony for his defence, and he would close. He received last night after 10 o'clock, a dispatch from W. H. H. Tucker, of Raleigh, on a matter of interest to Dr. Deems, and he would like for Deems to question, beforehand, W. H. H. Tucker on the matter. Dr. Deems said he was ready to meet any statement from Tucker in regard to the matter at issue.

Dr. Smith read the following in his most impressive style, and it did, as well as the fearless and prompt reply in denial on the part of Dr. Deems, -thinking no doubt, as we all do, that the keys of (says the Democrat,) create much sensation all through the edifice:

> RALEIGH, Dec. 12. To Dr. Wm. A. Smith, Petersburg: "It having been suggested to me that in the present aspect of the controversy between yourself and Dr. Deems, it may be important to the ends of justice for you to know a declaration made to me by Dr. Deems, touching the authorship of the Chris-

A short time after the appearance of that letter he, C. F. Deems, declared to me in the name of an Odd-Fellow, positively and unequivocally, that he, Deems, did did not write nor cause the said (C D.) letter to be written. W. H. H. TUCKER."

topher Duncan letter, I give it you as follows:

Dr. Deems, says the Democrat, on hearing the above read, rose, and in a calm and confident man-

"I desire most solemnly to affirm that the statement that I ever said to Wm. H. H. Tucker, that I was not the author of the Christopher Duncan letter artice, is false; that the statement that I ever said anything to him in regard to the said article is false; that the statement that I ever confessed anything to him, said Tucker, as an Odd-Fellew, is false; and I think that if I were in Raleigh, I could prove that said Tucker became an Odd-Fellow after our cammunication with one another ceased, and moreover, if it be sworn to that I have said as an Odd-Fellow that I was not the author of the C. D. letter, such oath will be a perjury."

Dr. Smith, we learn, as soon as this emphatic denial was made, telegraphed Col, Tucker to go to Petersburg; and we learn that he left on Thursday evening, to appear before the Conference.

The evidence in the case having been concluded on Thursday evening, on Friday morning Dr. Deems took the floor and addressed the Conference for the

prosecution. He spoke about five hours. On Saturday, Col. Tucker was examined before the Conference. He repeated substantially what he had telegraphed to Dr. Smith, to wit, that Dr. Deems had denied to him voluntarily, on the honor of an Odd Fellow, that he was the author of the Christopher Duncan letter.

Dr. Deems then spoke, arguing against Col. Tucker's testimony-after which Dr. Smith rose and opened his argument in defence of the charges brought against him. He made some eighteen points against Deems. Before concluding the Conference adjourned to Monday, when it was expected he would close

The reporter of the Petersburg Express, in his account of Dr. Deems' argument against Col. Tucker's testimony, says Dr. Deems made remarks on this point of an "almost killing character." How "killing?" His mere declaration does not invalidate Col. Tucker's testimony. We have no hesitation in saying that we believe what Col. Tucker states to

If the American candidates should be men of characters as fair as an angel's, in nine months democratic editors and orators would make them as black as the devil's-and thus ensure their defeat. Raleigh Register.

The Register is much pestered in spirit because its K. N. brethren of the North and West, insist on holding the K. N. national Convention at so early a day as the 22d of February. The Editor fears a long campaign-his candidates might become too well known to the people, and thus be defeated.

The extract, above given, from that journal, is rich; and not only so, but is both decent and charitable. This thing of "blackening" character amounts to but little. Gen. Jackson, Mr. Polk, and Gen. Pierce all went through that process at the hands of Whig and abolition orators and presses, and were still triumphantly elected. Gov. Reid was served the same way by the Register and its allies of this State; and yet he was twice elected to the office of Governor, and is now a United States' Senator. The Register distrusts the people, and mistakes their character. They are not so easily operated upon or deceived as that journal supposes.

The Register says it was well known that Kansas "might become a slave State"-but Mr. Haughton declared, in his 19th of June speech in New York, that "it was folly to suppose they could ever make Kansas a slave State." We repeat the question propounded by us recently in connection with the equivocal course of the Wilmington Herald-" When will the K. N's of this State force their papers" and all their leading men "to stand up squarely and fully for the Constitutional rights of

THE "NORTH-CAROLINIAN."-W. J. Yates, Esq., for some time past the conductor of this sterling and useful Democratic paper, has associated with himself, as joint Editor and proprietor, Josiah Johnson, Esq., of Sampson County. Mr. Johnson enters upon his duties in a neat and appropriate address; and Mr. Yates refers to him as an agreeable gentleman, well qualified for the situation, and a firm and consistent Democrat. The "Carolinian" well deserves all the encouragement it may receive at the hands of the public.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS .- The latest foreign news is by the Baltic, which arrived at New York on Thursday.

There were rumors of peace negotiations between Russia and the Allied Powers-yet little dependence, it was stated, could be placed on any of the statements that were current on the subject. Nothing new from the Crimea.

Cotton was steady, and the money market easier -but wheat, corn and flour had declined in price.

MAMMOTH TURNIP.-Thomas J. Lemay, Esq., the Editor of the "Arator," has sent us a turnip, taken from his ruta baga patch, near this City, which weighed fourteen pounds with the top, and ten pounds without the top. This turnip may be seen at the Store of Messrs. W. H. & R. S. Tucker. Mr. Lemay has been very successful this season with his sweet potatoes and turnips. Who can boast a larger

turnip than this ruta baga? "Cutis" shall appear in our next.

COMMITTEES OF THE SENA'E. Mrs. Cass, in pursuance of the notice given yesterday, moved that the Senate proceed to the election of the standing committees, with the exception of the Committee on Prir ting.

The motion was agreed to. The Senate then proceeded to ballot for the severcommittees, and the following was the result :-Committee on Foreign Relations .- Mr Mason, chairman, Messra. Douglas, Slidell, Clayton, Weller, and Fish.

Committee on Finance.-Mr. Hunter, chairman; Messrs. Toucey, Pearce, Stuart, Brodhead, and Crit-

Committee on Commerce.-Mr. Hamlin, chairman; Messrs. Dodge, Stuart, Seward, Clay, and Benjamin. Committee on manufactures .- Mr. right, chairman; Messrs. Allen, Harlan, Wilson, and Trumbull. Committee on Agriculture. - Mr. Allen, chairman; Messrs, Hunter, Thomson of New Jersey, Harlan

Committee on Military Affairs .- Mr. Weller, chairman; Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Johnson, Jones of Tennessee, Pratt, and Iverson.

Committe on the Militia .- Mr. Houston, Chairman; Messrs, Dodge, Bell of New Hamphire, Thompson of Kentucky, and Biggs.

Committee on Naval Affairs.—Mr. Mallory chair-

man; Messrs. Fish, Thomson of New Jersey, Bell of Tennessee, James, and Slidell. Committe on Public Lands .- Mr. Stuart, chairman; Messrs. Johnson, Foot, Clayton, Pugh, and

Committee on Private Land Claims .- Mr. Benjamin, chairman; Messrs. Biggs, Thompson of Kentucky, Foster, and Wilson.

Committee on Indian Affairs .- Mr. Sebastian, chairman; Messrs. Rusk, Toombs, Brown, Reid and Bell of Tennessee. Committee on Claims .- Mr. Brodhead, chairman;

Messrs. Fessenden, Geyer, Iverson, Yulee, and Committee on Recolutionary Claims .- Mr. Evans, chairman; Messrs, Reid, Hale, Foster, and Durkee. Committe on the Judiciary .- Mr. Butler chairman; Messrs. Toucy, Bayard, Geyer, Toombs, and

Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads .-Mr. Rusk, chairman; Messrs. Collamer, Adams, Hamlin, Jones of Iowa, and Yulee.

Committee on Roads and Canals .- Mr. Slidell. chairman; Messrs. Bell of New Hampshire, Biggs, Durkee, Jones of Tennessee, and Wright. Committee on Pensions .- Mr. Jones of Iowa, chairman; Messrs. Clay, Thompson of New Jersey, Seward, and Summer.

Committee on the Distract of Columbia .- Mr. Brown, chairman; Messrs. Allen, Mason, Pratt, and Committee on Patents and the Patent Office .-Mr. James, chairman; Messrs. Evans, Stuart, Brown,

Thompson of Kentucky, and Fessenden. Committee on Retrenchment .- Mr. Adams, chairman; Messes. Fitzpatrick, Fish, Biggs, and Critten-

Committee on Territories .- Mr. Douglas, chairman; Messrs, Jones of Iowa, Collamer, Bell, Sebastian, and Biggs.

Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Ervenses of the Senate .- Mr. Evans, chairman; Messrs, Wright and Foot. Committee en Public Buildings .- Mr. Bayard,

irman; Messrs. James, Hunte New Jersey, Pratt, and Hale. Committee on Engrossed Bills .- Mr. Fitzpatrick, chairman; Messrs Collaner and Wade.

Committee on the Library .- Mr. Pearce, chairman; Messrs, Cass and Bayard, Committee on Enrolled Bills .- Mr. Jones of Iowa, chairman, and Mr. Summer.

LOOK OUT FOR THIEVES !- We learn that the house of Gov Manly, of this City, was entered on Sunday night last by some daring thief or thieves, and a gold watch, Gov. Manly's purse, and other articles of value stolen. The family had retired for the night. Some noise was heard, but it was not suspected for a moment that there were thieves in the house. Look out for thefts and depredations, as the Christmas holydays are approaching. We trust that the police will be on the alert with more than their

We observe that some of the Southern K. N. papers are stating that N. P. Banks, of Massachusetts, who has been voted for for Speaker, is a "Democratic Freesoil Know Nothing." This is unjust to the Democratic party. No Democrat can be a Know Nothing. Mr. Banks was once a Democrat, but he proved himself a traitor to his principles, and is now an abolition Know Nothing. He is an enemy to the Constitution, to the Union, and to the equal rights of the States. He is, therefore, a fit embodiment of the sentiments and views of a majority of abolition, Know Nothing, disunion Massachusetts.

"TEN YEARS AMONG THE MAIL BAGS," with illustrations, by J. Holbrook, is one of the most amusing and interesting books we have read for many a day. The reader will find in another part of to-day's paper, some extracts made from it by the New York Evening Post-and also a notice of the work. The book may be had at Mr. Turner's Bookstore, to whom we are indebted for a copy.

NICARAGUA .- A splendid festival took place at Grenada, Nicaragua, on the 11th November-present, the officers of the new government, Gen. Walker, Col. Wheeler, U. S. Minister, and other distinguished persons. Gen. Walker was toasted as "the Washington of Nicaragua." Col. Wheeler was toasted, and "responded in a neat and appropriate sentiment, which was applauded to the echo."

SALE OF REAL ESTATE. - The house and lot in this City, (near the institution for the Deaf and Dumb.) formerly the property of James F. Jordan, was sold at auction on Monday, and was bid off by Gov. Bragg at \$4,725. The lot contains three-fourths of an acre, and the dwelling house, which is of brick and stuccoed, eight rooms. The buildings are new, and have never been occupied.

The Washington Union says it is not true that Montgomery Blair, Esq., Solicitor of the Court of Claims, agrees with his father, F. P. Blair, Esq., on the slavery question. Montgomery Blair is in favor of the Nebraska act, and is represented to be a sound Democrat.

N. C. RAIL ROAD. - The Lexington Flag publishes the following statement of the amount of the principal articles of produce forwarded from Lexington

by this road, since August 1st. Bushels of wheat, 110 Bags of flour, Barrels of Hou Bushels of dried fruit, 464 12,934 Boxes of tobacco,

The average weight of the boxes of tobacco is 125 lbs., making 1.741,759 lbs. sent from Lexington in the past 4 months. The Flag says also that wheat is now selling in

Lexington at \$1 50. For the last two weeks, says the Flag, buyers have been storing it, intending when the road is completed to send it to Richmond, We hear of so much produce going by the North Carolina Rail Road to Virginia, South Carolina, and

Georgia, that but for a trip on one of its freight trains we should conclude that none of it found a resting place in our own State. The large car in which we were seated contained a number of bbl. of flour, ditto of spirits, a large quantity of wool, and a variety of other produce, all directed to Petersburg and Norfolk. To a house in Wilmington -probably the largest dealers in the State-were directed 11 bbls. of apples and 11 bbls. of onions! That was all. Fay. Ob.

TRIAL OF BAKER FOR MURDER OF POOLE.-NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- The jury in Baker's case have disagreed; and are discharged at last. They stood for manslaughter 7, murder 2, acquittal 3.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE STANDARD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1855. End of the Second Week-No Exection of Speaker-Butone
National Party-Libby Members-A glimpse at the Proceedings-The Senate Committees-Mesers. Reis and Biggs
—Senatorial Caucus-Navat Reforming Board-Reform
in the Navy-The House to-day-Unsuccessful Propositions
—Mr. E. G. Reade-Calmness of the House.

Two weeks of the session have expired, and the efforts of the House of Representatives to elect a Speaker and effect an organization have been fruitless. Up to Friday night there had been no important change in the votes for the two leading candidates, but the scattering men had gradually concentrated upon Fuller. The result of the successive ballotings will be seen by reference to the tabular statement below. The House is at a dead lock .-The Democracy have placed themselves on a National platform, nominated a candidate for Speaker as its embodiment, and calmly abide the result .-The Black Republicans seek to perfect a strictly sectional organization and have at different times voted for Campbell and Banks, unadulterated Abolitionists, as the exponents of their principles. All other men, not Black Republicans, but opposed to the present Administration, mostly from the South, but em bracing a few from the North, present Fuller as their man. The House could be organized by the election of a Democratic Speaker through the aid of those now voting for Fuller, and the question is whether their repugnance to the African party, or their opposition to the Administration shall control their action. They must however come to a conclusion voluntarily, for the Democracy have no bargains to propose or terms to offer. The few Northern men embraced in this division, are at one moment the objects of abolition blandishments, and at the next of its abuse, but neither has had the effect to drive them into the Abolition fold; and it is hardly probable that at this late day they will be persuaded by the first or driven by the latter.

The Democratic members continue to maintain an unbroken front and to cast a uniform vote for the gallant Richardson. Their organization is perfect, and resting as it does entirely upon the soundness of the principles binding them together, it presents to the country an aspect worthy of its confidence and admiration. The only national organization in the House, it presents the only real obstacle to the triumph of Abolitionism and of the enemies of the country. Is it not time, when all the hosts of the Black Republican party are striving to organize on a strictly sectional basis, making hostility to the other section the corner stone of its platform and the guide-board of its action, for all true men, who seek to preserve the Union and the Constitution, to rally around the standard of the only party possessing a national organization, avowing national principles, and possessing power to overthrow the traitors?

The lobby of the House is full of the managing Africans, among them being Greely, Webb, Weed, Senators Sumner, Hale, and Wilson, and others of less note. Greely is the Commander-in-Ohief .-With his sinister physiognomy, bald head and spectacles, he looks like a spirit of evil as he peers over the bar of the House, watching with earnestness, yet assuming the air of an unconcerned spectator, the process of balloting. Every Northern man who will not submit to his dictation is threatened with the displeasure of the Tribune and the vengeance of

The House presents a curious spectacle while the ballotings go on. The Speaker's Chair is vacant,-The Clerk calls the roll, the votes are recorded by an assistant, the result is ascertained, and annonced by one of the four members who superintend the ballotings. Immediately from all parts of the Hall there are demands to "coll the roll," and the same process is repeated. Each balloting consumes three quarters of an hour. About half-past two o'clock every day there is a motion to adjourn, which is decided by tellers-that is, two members are selected by the Clerk who station themselves in the open space in front of the Speaker's Chair and Clerk's desk, and all those in favor of the motion to adjourn pass between them, a count being made, those opposed to an adjournment likewise pass through, when the tellers report to the Clerk the number in favor of and opposed to the motion, and he announces the result. At this hour the motion to adjourn is generally unsuccessful. Another ballot succeeds the result is announced, the hour for dinner has arrived and the House adjourns. Such is a glimpse at its proceedings for the past twelve days.

The Senate is awaiting the action of the House, having accomplished little beyond the electio of the standing committees for the session. The old Senators continue on the same committees as heretofore, Mr. Mason being Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Mr. Douglas, on Territories, Mr. Mallory, on Naval Affairs, and so on. Gov. Reid is a member of the committee on Indian Affairs and of that on the District of Columbia; and Mr. Biggs is a member of the five following Committees: Territories, Private Land Claims, Roads and Canals, Militia, and Retrenchment.

It is generally understood that a caucus of the Democratic members of the Senate was held yesterday, when the subject of making a nomination for Printer of the Senate was under consideration. It is stated also that several Senators resisted the movement to make a caucus nomination, and finding a large majority in its favor, declined to take further part in its proceedings. The election will probably be held on Monday, when I have no doubt the Union will be chosen, it having been resolved to make a caucus nomination.

As a matter in which the Democratic party is

directly interested, it is difficult to see how these Senators, especially the Senators from Virginia, can justify themselves in pursuing what may be regarded as a disorganizing course, in the face, too, of the admirable example presented them by the Democracy of the House. Southern Senators cannot appreciate too highly the importance of maintaining the efficient organization of the party as a protection to the rights and interests of their constituents. A petition has been presented in the Senate from Commodore Smith, one of the Naval officers retired from active duty by the Naval Retiring Board, praying for relief-in other words, to be re-instated in his former position on the active list. The retired officers and their friends have raised much clamor at the action of the Board, and have determined to bring their cases to the consideration of Congress. The object of this early movement is to defer the confirmation by the Senate of the promotions made to fill the vacancies occasioned by the action of the Board. There may be a very few cases of injustice or a few errors committed, but I find a general disposition prevails in Congress to acquiesce in the decision of the Board and sustain its approval by the Executive. An investigation may be ordered, but it can hardly have any other result than to confirm the general correctness of the decisions of the Board. Naval reform has occupied the attention of Congress and the public for many years, and now that a step in advance has been taken and the younger men brought forward to positions of rank and responsibility corresponding to their length of service and varied experience, it is not probable that Congress will go back and refit the Navy with old and wornout material. The public interests must be protected as well as the interests of the Navy. Efficiency in the public service is demanded, and this could not be, so long as the higher grades were half-filled with incompetent men, and the young officers were retiring from the Navy and seeking employment in the commercial marine, lest they should grow gray in the service and still have attained only the rank of Midshipmen or Lieutenants.

As the House adjourned yesterday, Mr. Cumback, an abolition member from Indiana, announced a caucus last evening of the anti-Nebraska members, and Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, a caucus of all those opposed to the present Administration, at the same time and place. It does not appear that any thing was done except to pass a resolution to adhere to Banks. Those who vote for Fuller, however, did not give in their adhesion to this resolution, if they were represented in the meeting, for the vote of that gentleman to-day was within one of the same number he received yesterday. The House balloted twice only to-day; various propositions have been submitted looking to the accomplishment of an organization. One proposition was, after the next ballot, to drop all the candidates except the two highest, and then the one having the greater number of votes on the succeeding ballot to be declared elected. A Democratic member proposed to amend that all should resign their seats

Mr. E. G. Reade, from North Carolina, proposed, that as the difficulty was a sectional one, it should be compromised by the Northern members electing a Southern Speaker, or the Southern men electing a Northern one, with the acquiescence, of course, of the Northern members. All the propositions were woted down. If Mr. Reade feels disposed to have a Northern Speaker elected, I submit that he cannot do better than to help elect Mr. Richardson, thus contributing towards the organization of the House. and setting a good example to his Southern col-leagues. Many members think there is no prospect of an organization, and predicate this conclusion upon the fact that the House is unusually calm, not the least excitement being manifested by any body. It is the same thing in the City, not the slightest ex-

citement prevails. I mailed my last letter at the usual time, but by some mischance of the mails, I observe it did not reach its destination in time for Wednesday's issue of the Standard. I hope this may be more fortu-

MECKLENBURG.

BALLOTINGS FOR SPEAKER. SEVENTH DAY. Ballotings. 34th 35th 36th 37th Richardson, 74 76 76 76 75 100 107 105 106 107 Fuller, 29 29 Scattering, 16 15 15 13 15 EIGHTH DAY. Ballotings. 40th 41st 42d 43d 44th Richardson, 74 75 75 74 Banks, 107 107 107 107 106 Fuller, 29 28 27 28 28 Scattering, 16 16 17 16 16 NINTH DAY. Ballotings. 47th 48th 49th Richardson, 75 Banks, 105 106 105 106 Fuller, Scattering, 11 11 12 11 TENTH DAY. Ballotings. 51st 52d 53d 54th Richardson, 75 74 Banks, 104 104 104 104 Fuller, 32 35 Scattering, 11 11 10

Scattering, TWELFTH DAY. Two ballots to day with precisely the same result -Richardson 74, Banks 105, Fuller 41, Scattering 6.

ELEVENTH DAY.

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Ballotings.

Richardson,

Banks,

Fuller,

Hogs, Hogs.-Several droves of hogs, have passed through our village, but few have been sold. The drovers are asking six and a half, gross. We learn from the last Yorkville Citizen, that a drove was sold there for six gross. Shelby N. C. In.

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Among the distinguished strangers now in Washngton is Hon. John Branch, of North Carolina, Secretary of the Navy under General Jackson's administration. The whole country will be pleased to learn that the venerable statesman is in the enjoyment of vigorous health.

LATER FROM HAVANA, -CHARLESTON, Dec. 13,-The steamer Isabel, with late dates from Havana, has arrived. Sugars in Havana were firm. Planters were looking for higher rates, buyers however, were unwilling to yield.

> THE MARKETS. PETERSBURG MARKET

N. M. MARTIN, BRO., & CO.,

Grocers and Commission Merchants, No. 129, Sycamore S. Petersburg, Dec. 15, 1855. TORACCO-The breaks are very light, and we note abetter feeling in the market, with some advance in prices

WHEAT-The market during the past week has been very dull and unsettled, and the receipts have been unusually heavy. The transactions, however, have been quite himited from the fact that holders generally have decimed selling at the prices bid by purchasers, consequently the larger portion of the receipts have been stored. Sales on Thursday at \$1 95 to \$2 for good to prime white, and yesterday at 190 to 195; common and medium lots 150 to 180. CORN-Receipts have increased considerably in the last 0 days, with but few buyers. We quote at 75 to 7736, which is a decline of some 5 to 10 cents in the last two

COTTON-Market inactive. We quote at 8 to 81/2.
PORK-Country lot 8 to 81/2.
CLOVER SEED-91/2 to 91/2.

NORFOLK MARKET.

REPORTED FOR THE "NORTH-CAROLINA STANDARD," BY A. M. M'PHEETERS & CO., Wholesale Grocers, Forwarding & Commission Merchants

FLOUR .- The Baltic's news received yesterday, was unfavorable for breadstuffs, and flour declined in the Northern markets. Little or none however was had on our market, and we quote S. F. \$10 @ 101/4; Extra 101/4 @ 11; Family 111/4 @ 12. Sales of mixed Corn at 83c. @ 84c. weight, 85c

COTTON was also reported lower by the Baltic. Sales at 884 before her news reached us. We hear of none since, but do not consider the market lower.

NAVAL STORES are without animation except Spirits Turpentine, which is in some demand. We quote 42 @ 45c sales of Tar or Rosin.

DRIED FRUIT in fair demand. Apples \$1 @ 105; pealed peaches \$3 (6 3)4; pea nuts 90c (6 \$1; apple brandy 65c (6) 70c; peach brandy \$1.15 (6) 1.20.

SALT—L. B. \$1.85 (6) 1.95; G. A. \$1.10 (6) 1.50.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 15, 1855. TURPENTINE-The market is dull, but prices remain without change. Further sales yesterday of only 188 bbls at \$2 60 for yellow dip, \$2 08 for virgin, and \$1 60 for hard, \$2 280 fbs. Nothing done this morning.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Saies after our report of yesterday of only 36 bbls. at 38 cents & gallon. The market. this morning is quiet, and no sales; buyers not disposed to

ROSIN-Common has declined 10 cents, and 1,000 bbls. sold this morning at \$1 05 for large size bbls. TAR—Sales yesterday of only 122 bbls. at \$2 ₽ bbl. being a decline of 25 cents on previous quotation.

FAYETTEVILLE MARKET. FAYETTEVILLE, Dec. 15, 1855. No change in BACON. The market is well supplied with CORN—sales at 65 to 70 cents per bushel. COTTON during the early part of the week the market was depressed and sales were made at 81/4 cts for best grades. On Thursday the demand revived and sales were made to manufac

turers at *% for choice lots. The receipts of FLOUR are light and sales at \$\frac{2}{3} to \$\frac{2}{3} 50. SPIRITS TURPENTINE 36 cents per gallon. RAW do. \$1 25 to \$2 25 per bbl.

At Hilliardston, Nash county, on the morning of the 6th, by H. G. Williams, Esq., B. B. Rice to Miss Ann E., daughter of T. W. Wright, Esq., all of Nash. In Northampton county, on Wednesday the 12th, by Jno. W. Pugh, Esq., Mr. Weldon G. High to Miss Nancy Ingram daughter of Juo. C. Ingram.

Also, on the same evening, by Rev. T. G. Lowe, Mr. — Mosley, of Charlotte Co. Va., to Miss Virginia E. Wesson of Northampton Co., N. C., daughter of A. H. Wesson. On the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock, A. M., at Springhope N. C., by B. H. Vester, Esq., Van Buren Williams to Miss Mary E. Floyd, all of Nash county.

In Johnston county, on the 11th inst., by Jesse Parker, Esq., Mr. Levi Cox, of Randolph county, N. C., to Miss Patience, daughter of Powel Parker, Esq. In Wake Co., on the 16th December, by Nathan Ivey, Esq., Mr. Joseph A. Walton to Miss Mary F. Holland.

DIED.

In Orange County, on the 3d December, after a protracted and painful illness, Mr. Fielding Leathers, an aged and h ghly respectable citizen. In this City, on Saturday morning last, the infant son of Maj. J. P. H. and Mrs. E. A. Russ. The funeral services were performed on Sunday morning, by the Rev. T. M.

Skinner, of the Baptist Church.

DIANOS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—THE MODEL PIANO .- IN THIS AGE OF IMPROVE-MENT, when model farms, ships, carriages and the like are in vogue, E. P. Nasii has given direction to the manufacture of a Model Piano, in which all the essentials of the most costly instruments are combined, for the moderate sum of three hundred and sixty dollars. Its richness of

tone, simplicity and beauty of design, style of finish, size, &c., all unite to render it perfectly unique. It is so c n-structed as to be used in any portion of a room with equal dvantage to the eve and ear. We have now on hand about forty Pianos, nearly all'differing in style, finish and price, which we will sell on as good terms in Petersburg as can be had at the North, South, East or West, and every Instrument warranted.

E. P. NASH. Piano Forte Dealter, Va. Dec. 15, 1855.

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Interesting to Millowners, Turpentine Distillers, and all others who have an extensive use for Barrels and Kegs.

HE SUBSCRIBER IS THE PROPRIETOR OF THE patent of the machine known as "Trapp's Patent Bar-rel Machine," for the territory of North Carolina, and is de-sirous of selling machines with the right to use them in the several counties of the State. He is also desirous of selling the rights of the same machine, for the States of South Car olina, Georgia, and Texas. The following describes some of the advantages of the machine.

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WM. W. CLARK, Dec. 15, 1855.

Franklinsville, N. C. 1104-wem.

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able Assistants. The Trustees, in placing this Institute under the conduct of Prof. Keenan, a gentleman of the highest reputation for scholarship and of enlarged experience in his profession, entertain the most flattering prospects of its success. Wanted, for the Institute, the services of a thorough English and Mathematical teacher, who will receive as compensation 85 pe. cent, on the revenue of the school.

Address J. F. Keenan, with testimonials. Spirit of the Age, copy, and send account to the Principal, or to B. H. Barden, Secretary.

GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE. THE SPRING SESSION OF 1854, WILL COMmence on the 24th day of December, 1855. There will be no vacation in Winter, except a few days for recreation

All the departments of the Institution are now supplied with efficient and faithful Professors and Teachers. The first class has been divided into two sections, for the accormodation of those who desire to prepare for the regular College course. Girls under 14 years of age will hereafter be received into the Institution. Circulars will be sent on application, to all persons desiring full information in reference to charges, course of study, &c. T. M. JONES,

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Johnston Maie and Female Academy. THE NEXT SESSION WILL COMMENCE ON THE first Monday in January, which will be the seventh day of the month. The Trustees are truly grateful for the liberal patronage which has been bestowed upon the school during the present session, and respectfully solicit a continuation of the same; feeling confident that no institution

of the kind, offers greater facilities for the same expense. The male department, as well as the superintendence of the whole, will be under John W. Stuart, Esq., who has been engaged several years in teaching with great success; a part of the time connected with Randolph Macon College as Principal of the Preparatory department, which, we are informed by the Faculty, he conducted with emment ability, and left with the regrets of all concerned.

The female school will be under the direction of Miss Flora Graham, who is a North-Carolinean by borth and education, and consequently, identified with us in interest and feeling. She is a nest honor graduate of one of the best female colleges in the State, the President of which, in speaking of her says, "She is one of the best scholars I ever knew, and I would esteem any man fortunate who could secure her services as a teacher; -too h.gh a character I could not give her." Instruction from such teachers, as well as the cheapness of board and tustion, are advantages which should not be overlooked by persons who have chil-dren to educate. Young men will be prepared for the ad-vanced classes in college, or for the business walks of life; young ladies will have a fine opportunity to acquire a superior education, both social and ornamenta

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Terms:—Classical Department, \$21; English, \$17. Pay-Ferms:—Classical Department any time during the session.

HAZELL NORWOOD, Principal.

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Raieigh, Dec. 10, 1855.

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Dec. 15, 1855.

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